Were You Drawn by the Beauty of the Character of the Lord Jesus?

If you have been attracted by the beauty of the Lord Jesus' character, has He become the most important being in your life, so that you love Him with all your mind, with all your heart, above all else?

 Answer: Yes — Explanation: If Christ has truly become the most important being in your life and you love Him with all your heart, with all your mind, and more than anything else, this is a sign of an authentic new birth. Such love:

• puts Christ first in all decisions and areas of life, without compromise.

• It manifests itself in a sincere desire to live as He lived, in all aspects of your life. ("Whoever says he abides in Him must walk as He walked." 1 John 2:6)

This love arises when you see the character of the Lord Jesus as more precious than anything else in the world.

 Answer: No — Explanation: If your answer is "No," and you cannot say that you love Christ more than anything else, then you cannot speak of a genuine new birth. For new birth to take place, Christ must be the center of your life and the ultimate source of joy and fulfillment.

If something else—whether the world, things, desires, or even your own life—occupies first place in your heart, then:

• You have not experienced a real change in priorities.

• You have not come to see the character of Christ in His beauty and majesty. You have not found the treasure hidden in the field that causes you to sell everything you have. (Matthew 13:44)

• You are not living in the love that causes you to leave behind the old in order to embrace the new.

I encourage you to pray sincerely, seek Him with all your heart, and discover His beauty, so that He may become your most precious treasure.

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